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Application No. : 10/659,297

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For : ROD CONNECTOR

Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Eduardo C. ROBERT

Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Election with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

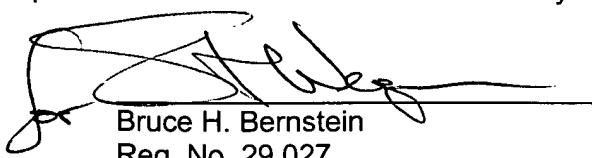
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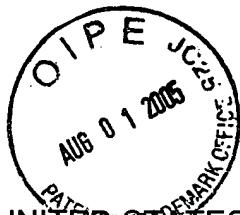
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Sir :

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 30, 2005, which set a one-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 1, 2005 (July 30, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicants hereby elect Group I, consisting of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6. The above election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.